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 RELATED METHODS)

PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF THE NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

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Sir:

After reviewing the Notice of Allowability, a minor typographical error was noted on the Notice. In particular, it was indicated that the allowed claims were "8, 9, 11, 41, 42, 45-48 and 51-60 ", when in fact, the allowed claims should be "8, 10, 11, 41, 42, 45-48 and 51-60." In the Amendment that was mailed October 2, 2006, claim 9 was cancelled from the pending claims. Consequently, it is believed that the Notice of Allowability should list claims "8, 10, 11, 41, 42, 45-48 and 51-60 " as being allowed. It is therefore respectfully requested that a revised Notice of Allowability be issued, indicating that claims 8, 10, 11, 41, 42, 45-48 and 51-60 as being allowed.

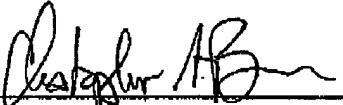
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If the Examiner has any questions or comments concerning this petition, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative by telephone to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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